

IN THE CLAIMS (as originally filed):

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller (1) ~~with having an intake side and a delivery side and comprising~~ a base plate (2) and a ~~number~~ plurality of fan impeller blades (3) fastened to the base plate (2), the fan impeller blades (3) being arranged ~~essentially perpendicular~~ disposed substantially perpendicularly to the base plate (2) and forming ~~an essentially~~ a substantially radial arrangement, in which each fan impeller blade (3) has a front edge (4) ~~arranged disposed~~ radially ~~outward essentially outwardly~~ and substantially perpendicular to the base plate (2), a rear edge (5) ~~arranged disposed~~ radially ~~inward essentially inwardly~~ and substantially perpendicular to the base plate (2), an outer surface (6) ~~arranged disposed~~ on the delivery side of the fan impeller (1) and an inner surface ~~arranged disposed~~ on the intake side of the fan impeller (1), ~~characterized by the fact that wherein~~ at least one elevation (7) is ~~arranged and/or formed~~ is at least one of disposed or formed on the outer surface (6) of at least one part of the fan impeller blades (3) ~~which and~~ is spaced from the base plate (2) and ~~extends extending~~ away from the base plate (2) ~~essentially substantially~~ diagonally from the front edge (4) to the rear edge (5) of the fan impeller blades (3).

2. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to Claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that wherein~~ the elevation (7) ~~is designed in the form of comprises~~ a step on and/or in the outer surface (6).

3. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized by the fact that, wherein the~~ fan impeller blades (3) are curved so that the outer surface (6) curves radially ~~outward~~ outwardly between the front edge (4) and rear edge (5).

4. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least one elevation (7) has a height of about 1 mm to 10 mm, ~~preferably 2 to 4 mm~~ at least in areas a portion of the elevation.

5. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least one elevation (7) has a width of 1 mm to 10 mm, ~~preferably 2 to 4 mm~~ at least in areas a portion of the elevation.

6. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that the~~ Claim 1, wherein a spacing of at least one elevation (7) to its associated base plate (2) ~~at least in areas, especially in the region of the front edge (4),~~ is at least about 5 mm to 25 mm, ~~preferably 10 to 20 mm~~ at least in a portion of the elevation.

7. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by~~ Claim 1, comprising a support element (8), ~~as in the form of a cover ring, of the fan impeller blades (3), on the a side of the fan impeller blades (3) opposite the base plate (2).~~

8. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to Claim 7, ~~characterized by the fact that~~ comprising at least one elevation (7) ~~is designed arc-like at least in areas, in which it is preferably bent from the corresponding rear edge (5) to the corresponding front edge (4) away from support element (8) that is at least partially arc-shaped.~~

9. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least one elevation (7) forms an angle of 45° to 90° with the front edge (4), ~~preferably an angle of 70° to 90°.~~

10. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the Claims 7 to 9, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 7, wherein at least one elevation (7) has at least in areas a spacing to a support element (8), especially in the region of the rear edge (5), of at least about 1 mm to 10 mm, ~~preferably 5 to 15 mm.~~

11. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least one elevation (7) is formed by at least one wire.

12. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least one elevation (7) is welded onto the outer surface (6) of the fan impeller blade (3), at least in areas a portion of the elevation.

13. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that an embossed~~ Claim 1, further comprising a distinct edge, ~~as in the form of a groove, is preferably formed on the outer surface (6) of at least one fan impeller blade (3), preferably each fan impeller blade (3) in the fastening region between the corresponding elevation (7) and the outer surface (6), at least in areas, on the side lying in the direction of rotation of the fan impeller.~~

14. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact that~~ Claim 1, wherein at least one elevation (7) has a profiled cross-section at least in areas, ~~is preferably bulged, in which the focal point of the bulge lies on the side of elevation (7) facing the rear edge (5) and/or has at least one groove, preferably on the side facing rear edge (5)~~ a portion of the elevation.

15. (Currently Amended) Fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized by the fact~~ Claim 1, wherein that at least one elevation (7) is tightly joined, ~~preferably with silicone,~~ to the outer surface (6), at least in areas, on the side facing away from the direction of rotation of fan impeller (4).

16. (Currently Amended) Fan A cooking appliance comprising a fan impeller according to ~~one of the preceding claims in a cooking appliance~~ Claim 1.

17. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 4, wherein said at least one elevation has a height is of 2 mm to 4 mm, at least in a portion of the elevation.

18. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 5, wherein at least one elevation has a width of 2 mm to 4 mm, at least in a portion of the elevation.

19. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 6, wherein said spacing is in the area of the front edge.
20. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 6, wherein said spacing is 10 mm to 20 mm, at least in a portion of the elevation.
21. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 8, wherein said elevation is bent from the corresponding rear edge to the corresponding front edge away from the support element.
22. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 9, wherein said angle is 70° to 90°.
23. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 10, wherein said spacing is in the region of the rear edge.
24. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 10, wherein said spacing is 5 mm to 15 mm.
25. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 13, wherein said distinct edge is found in the fastening region between the corresponding elevation and the outer surface at least in areas on the side lying in the direction of rotation of the fan impeller.
26. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 13, wherein said distinct edge is formed or disposed on each fan impeller blade.
27. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 14, wherein said elevation having a profiled cross-section is bulged, at least in a portion of the elevation.
28. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 27, wherein said element has at least one groove.

29. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 15, wherein said element is tightly joined to the outer surface with silicone.

30. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 7, wherein the support element forms a cover ring.

31. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 13, wherein said distinct edge has the form of a groove.

32. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 27, wherein a focal point of the bulge lies on the side of the elevation facing the rear edge.

33. (New) Fan impeller according to Claim 28, wherein said groove is on the side facing the rear edge.